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and make amendments and motions like we are doing this morning to refine an action which cannot be corrected except by repudiating the whole thing, then we run into the difficulty that we have this morning. We cannot even frame the issue in a form so that it can be voted yea or nay. So, I think what ought to be done is to defeat what Senator Stull has offered in the way of a motion. Then the motion that I have on the desk which says we should consider all bills on Final Reading as they come up should be adopted. Then, if you don't like the bill, just don't vote for it.

SPEAKER: Anybody else who wishes the floor. Now, are you ready for the question? The question is shall we... Senator Stull has the right to close. Senator Stull.

SENATOR STULL: Well, now I see that there is a lot of confusion on this and I think that we should have a strict interpretation of this amendment that I say... it reads we would consider bills that doesn't have any fiscal impact and that's the way I intended it. So now if you don't want to accept my motion, vote it down. If you want it, vote for it.

SPEAKER: The chair assumes the motion means exactly what it says. Are you ready for the question? All those in favor of the Stull motion as amended by the Warner amendment vote aye. Those opposed vote no. Have you all voted? The clerk will record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 12 nays, 10 not voting.

SPEAKER: Motion is passed.

CLERK: Now, Mr. President, I have another motion. Read.

SPEAKER: Now, this is a reconsideration, I presume. This would, as the chair views it, negate the Stull motion. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker, I already said, basically, what the intent of the motion is. It's a way to do something that ought to be done without it being very embarrassing. I think we all know now what the Legislature is going to have to do inspite of the action that was taken yesterday. You accomplished one thing, like getting the Governor's budget bill passed like you want it and I am sure on Final Reading, it will pass. But this will undo some of those other unnecessary things that were done in the process. That's all I have to say.

SPEAKER: Any further discussion of this? Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: This motion not only negates what Senator Stull has said but also the motion you passed yesterday with 37 votes. He's opened a hole for you, a trap. You can jump in it if you want to.

SPEAKER: Any further discussion? Are you ready for the question? The question is Senator Chambers motion. The clerk will read.'

CLERK: Read. ...and Senator Chambers, I rewrote it just a hair to clarify it..

SPEAKER: All right. All those in favor vote aye. Those opposed vote no. Have you all voted? The clerk will record.

CLERK: 11 ayes, 25 nays, 13 not voting.